

OFFICE OF
THE CHURCH ON THE SQUARE

(South Congregational)

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REPORT OF THE PASTOR TO THE CHURCH CABINET. JAN. 21st to FEB. 25th incl.

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Dear Friends:— My report this month is divided into three heads,
viz., Homiletical, Administrative, and Pastoral.

I. HOMILETICAL WORK.

It is difficult for one not actually acquainted with the circumstances of a busy pastor in a large parish to realize the continual and manifold interruptions which occur to prevent consecutive and continuous study. Theoretically my forenoons, except Tuesdays, are sacred to study, and I aim to spend at least three hours, and as much more as possible in my study, dividing the time on alternate days between direct sermon preparation, and advanced study. Actually, however, this arrangement is too frequently interfered with by circumstances over which I have almost no control. For instance this month's study has been seriously interrupted by the two absences from town occasioned in the first place by the death of Mrs. Dietrick's mother at Elyria O.; and in the second place by attendance upon the second New England Congregational Congress at Manchester N.H.

In spite of these and lesser interruptions, seven sermons have been prepared and delivered; one of them being in my old home church at Lockport N.Y. on my return from Ohio. Also the study incidental to the Teacher Training Talk at the Sunday School Faculty meeting; and in preparation for the young people's training classes has been accomplished.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA., 1911

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed new building for the Church on the Square, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

The Board of Directors has held several meetings for the purpose of considering the same, and has expressed the opinion that the proposed building is a desirable one, and that it should be erected as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
W. H. Harris, M.D.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE WORK.

Under this head may properly be mentioned the formulation, compilation, and publication of the month's work as represented by the statistical number of the "Brown Book". In conference with the officers and executive committee of the Young People's Society, the pastor has outlined a forward movement looking toward the more effective conduct of the society. In conference with Mr. H. C. Martin of our church, the pastor has been preparing the constitution and ritual of a boys' club for the youth of the church. In conference with the protestant ministers of the town, summoned by your pastor to attend a meeting called for the purpose, he has assisted in the arrangement of a union temperance service to be held in the First Baptist Church of Peabody on Sunday evening Feb. 28th.

Under the present plan of church administration, the pastor devotes the entire day Tuesday to the administrative side of the work, and any officers or members who may have matters of administrative importance to discuss are earnestly requested to bring them to his attention on that day, and at the office hour if possible.

III. PASTORAL WORK.

The pastor reports with pleasure a decided increase in the number of pastoral calls made during this period. Upwards of forty such visits have been paid; and fourteen pastoral letters written in spite of the absence from town previously explained. Twenty-nine meetings of various sorts have been attended in an official capacity; including the ecclesiastical council at Fall River called to ordain Rev. Willard L. Sperry, son of a former pastor of this church; the sessions of the Second New England Congregational Congress at Manchester

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New Hampshire on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 23d and 24th. There have been one wedding and one funeral during the period covered by the report.

It is particularly to be desired that any member of this Cabinet, or any member of the church who is aware of any case in which the pastor's presence is desirable, either on account of sickness, or affliction, or for any other reason, should instantly make request to the pastor for such service as he may be able to render. It is his deepest concern and desire to be as completely at the service of his people as possible in every way.

Respectfully submitted

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